



KINGS MOUNTAIN GRADUATES—Graduation season is under way and a number of Kings Mountain area students are among those receiving certificates of graduation and degrees. Among Kings Mountain students graduating during the past week are, left to right, Miss Barbara Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Matthews, Demouth Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Blanton, and Miss Nancy Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Plonk. Miss Matthews and Mr. Blanton were graduated Monday from Mars Hill Junior College, and Miss Plonk was graduated Wednesday with the degree of Bachelor of Oratory from the Plonk School of Creative Arts, at Asheville.

Joyce Biser, Hazel Wright Top Spellers

Joyce Biser, tenth grade student at Kings Mountain high school, and Hazel Wright, eighth grade student of Central elementary school, are the winners of the First National Bank's city schools spelling contests for 1951. Announcement of the winners was made by school officials this week. Both will receive handsome medals at school commencement exercises Monday night.

It is the first year of the contest which the bank expects to make an annual event to improve the spelling capabilities of Kings Mountain school students.

Both contests were close, with the high school contest requiring three spelling tests. Spelling 50-word groups, five high school competitors spelled all 50 words correctly at the first contest. They were Joyce Biser, Juanita Gunnells, Carl Coke, Kelly-Weaver and Alice Ford. After the second 50-word contest, it was a tie between Joyce Biser and Juanita Gunnells, with Miss Biser edging Miss Gunnells by two words in the second "spell-off". In the three contests, Miss Biser spelled correctly 147 words, with Miss Gunnells spelling 145 correctly.

In the elementary schools, preliminary contests determined the finalists. In the final contest, 150 words were used, with Hazel Wright scoring first and Dixie Cline, also an eighth grade Central student, went to Jerry McCarter, West school seventh grader. Many of the competitors spelled correctly 140 of the 150 words.

Participating in the final contest were: Eighth grade—Hazel Wright, Central, Dixie Cline, Central, Peggy Ford, Central, Jackie Payne, East.

Seventh grade—Jerry McCarter, West, Janell Bedsole, East, Shirley McIntosh, Central, Julia (Continued On Page Eight)

New Broom Sweeps City Hall Again; Crouse, Mrs. Kirby, Davis Lose Jobs

Board Provides For Surveys In New Budget

The city board of commissioners, meeting in special session Monday night, authorized inclusion in the forthcoming 1951-52 budget funds for making an engineering survey of the sewage disposal and electrical distribution systems, and authorized investigation into the possibility of contracting the city garbage service.

Motion to insure a survey of the sewage disposal system and electrical distribution system during the forthcoming fiscal year was made by Commissioner James Layton, with Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis seconding. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Still opened discussion on the possibility of contracting the garbage removal service, expanding on the suggestion he made in his inaugural address. He said the service is costing the city \$12,000 annually, pointing out that the figure will grow as the city grows. He also noted that it will be necessary to purchase a new truck for the service in the near future.

Discussion included questions concerning previous ordinances on garbage collection, and City Administrator M. K. Fuller outlined several systems employed by other communities. He also reported that the city makes an effort to collect refuse from the commercial areas daily and from residential areas twice weekly. The Mayor said he felt the city could obtain a contract with a private operator for less money than the city is now paying for the service, and, in turn, improve the service. Motion to investigate the possibility, with the aim to secure bids from private individuals or firms, was made by Mr. Davis, with Mr. Layton seconding. The vote was unanimous.

The board discussed, without action, of the split fee basis on inspections of construction, electrical and plumbing installations. Several board members said they felt inspection fees should go into the city treasury and that city employees should receive all their money from the city as salary, or wages, alone. Action was deferred, pending (Continued On Page Eight)



NEW CITY CLERK AND ASSISTANT—Shown above are Joe McDaniel, left, and Oliver T. Hayes, Sr., right who figured in changes made in city personnel on Monday night by the board of commissioners. Mr. McDaniel was elevated to the office of city clerk and treasurer and clerk of recorder's court, while Mr. Hayes was named assistant city clerk and treasurer. Mr. McDaniel will succeed S. A. Crouse, Mr. Hayes succeeds Mrs. Ray Kirby.



Board Elevates McDaniel, Names Hayes, Harrill

Meeting in special session Monday night, the city board of commissioners completed election of department heads as follows:

1) Joe McDaniel, clerk in the city office, was elected city clerk and treasurer and clerk of recorder's court at an annual salary of \$2,700, effective July 2, 1951. Commissioner C. P. Barry made the motion, Commissioner B. T. Wright seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. McDaniel will succeed S. A. Crouse.

2) Oliver T. Hayes, Sr., candidate for mayor in the recent election, was elected assistant city clerk and treasurer at an annual salary of \$2,400, effective immediately. Commissioner Lloyd E. Davis made the motion, Commissioner Olland R. Pearson seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Hayes will succeed Mrs. Ray Kirby. (Mrs. Kirby, like Mr. Crouse, will complete her duties on June 30. Hospitalized for several weeks, Mrs. Kirby returned to work this week.)

3) E. A. Harrill was elected city attorney at an annual salary of \$600, the salary to include all fees, and judge of city recorder's court at an annual salary of \$1,800. Mr. Harrill succeeds J. R. Davis as city attorney, effective immediately, and will succeed W. Faison Barnes as city judge, effective July 2. Commissioner Pearson made the motion, Commissioner James Layton seconded and the vote was unanimous.

4) Grady W. King, veteran fire chief, was re-elected to the same position at a salary of \$300 annually and the board voted to authorize employment of three additional paid firemen. Commissioner B. T. Wright, Sr., made the motion, Commissioner Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

5) J. Ollie Harris was re-elected to the non-paid position of civilian defense chairman. Commissioner Wright made the motion, Commissioner Davis seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The five actions completed for the moment board action on personnel. Without formal action which has been customary in some past years, the board accepted the recommendation of City Administrator M. K. Fuller to retain L. C. Parsons as superintendent of public works. The board did not name a solicitor of city recorder's court, and it indicated that none would be appointed.

Opening the discussion on the personnel matters, Mayor Garland E. Still said, "My suggestion would be to relieve the city clerk, the assistant clerk and the city attorney of their duties."

The Mayor pointed out that Mr. McDaniel would accept the twin position of city clerk and treasurer and court clerk for \$2,700, and added that he felt the board could obtain an assistant city clerk and treasurer for \$2,400 per year.

"The current expense in salaries of this office is \$9,060 annually, and the proposed salary (Continued On Page Eight)

Local News Bulletins

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Among members of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, planning to attend the North Carolina Department convention in Asheville this weekend are Commander Paul Mauney, Adjutant James Bennett, Sam Collins, Nelson Ledbetter, Jack Barber, John Gladden, and Hubert Aderholdt.

VOLUNTEERS BOUGHT

The Kings Mountain Jayettes are asking for special part-time duty at Kings Mountain hospital. Those able to spare an occasional hour for hospital duty are asked to call Mrs. Maynard Snow at phone 621-W.

TO ROCKINGHAM

Houston Black, who will be graduated next week from Catawba College, has been named assistant coach and instructor of physical education at Rockingham high school. He has also been chosen for a position on the City of Rockingham's public recreation staff and will report next Friday to assume those duties.

AT PLONK'S

Bob Ledbetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ledbetter, has assumed the duties of salesman at Plonk Brothers, it was announced this week. For the past two years, Mr. Ledbetter has been a salesman in the men's clothing department at Sears, Roebuck & Company, Charlotte. His wife is the former Miss Janelle Smith. Mr. Ledbetter fills the vacancy created several months ago when Fred White entered the navy.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will begin Wednesday evening at Grace Methodist church with services continuing through June 17. The pastor, Rev. T. W. Hager, will do the preaching. It was also announced that Rev. Kelly Dixon will preach the sermon at morning services Sunday at 11 o'clock.

WESTOVER REVIVAL

Rev. W. C. Camp will conduct a week of revival services beginning Monday and continuing through Saturday of next week, at Westover Baptist church, according to announcement by the pastor, Rev. B. H. Matthews. Services will begin at 7:30 p. m.

TO ATTEND SYNOD

Rev. W. L. Pressly and M. L. Harmon will go to Lewisburg, W. Va., next week to attend the annual meeting of the A. R. P. Synod, representing Boyce Memorial A.R.P. church. The session begins Tuesday night and continues through next Friday.

SUBJECT MATTER

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SAFE STOLEN

Thieves entered Bessemer City Ice & Coal Company on the night of May 24 and made off with a 700-pound safe. Tolly Shuford, manager and partner in the firm, said the following day. Only a small amount of money was in the safe, but Mr. Shuford said it contained almost all of the firm's valuable papers.

Thomasson Property To Be Sold Saturday

Eleven Tracts Being Offered At Public Auction

Eleven tracts, owned in whole or in part by the Estate of J. B. Thomasson, will be sold at public auction on Saturday morning beginning at 10 o'clock at the several sites.

A. H. Patterson, commissioner, who is conducting the sale in accordance with an order of the Superior Court, said the first tract to be sold will be the lot and business building on Mountain street formerly occupied by Baker Grocery.

The sale will then continue at the several tracts Attorney J. R. Davis will serve as auctioneer. Other commercial buildings to be sold at the auction include two buildings on N. Piedmont ave., one occupied by Economy Cash Grocery, and the other by Gaffney's Barber Shop.

Sale of the properties will be subject to confirmation of the court.

Under the terms of the auction, Mr. Patterson said, bids will be held open for 10 days, during which time the bids may be raised. In event a tract is sold for less than \$500, the original bid must be raised a minimum of ten percent. In event a tract is sold for more than \$500, a bid must be raised a minimum of five percent.

Other properties to be sold include: 1) The 40 x 60-foot vacant lot behind the G. W. King Garage. 2) The 62 x 150-foot lot at the corner of King and Deal streets, occupied by a brick residence. The Thomasson Estate part-interests in the following tracts are to be sold:

1) Several tracts of land located on and around the mountain which bears the same name as the city. Mr. Thomasson held one-third interest, with other equal shares owned by the M. L. Plonk estate and J. O. Plonk.

2) Mr. Thomasson's one-fourth interest in the vacant lands adjoining the Burlington Mill Phoenix plant property and the Duke Power company sub-station property. Other three-fourths is owned by J. O. Plonk.

3) The one-third interest of Mr. Thomasson in several vacant lots in East Kings Mountain. Other equal owners are the M. L. Plonk Estate and J. O. Plonk.

The sale follows an action in the Superior Court brought by heirs of the late Mr. Thomasson against the administrator of the estate and the guardian of David Thomasson, minor.

The petitioners, heirs of Mr. (Continued On Page Five)

Rudisill Is Named Recreation Director

Officials of Resurrection Lutheran church announced this week that John Rudisill, principal of Bethware school, has accepted the position of director of the church's summer recreation program.

Present plans call for launching the program on the afternoon of Monday, June 11, at 2 p. m. Activities will include softball, volleyball, horseshoe pitching and other games. The program will also include a Bible story-hour.

The recreation area provided is located north of Hawthorne Road.

Young Veteran Dies in Wreck

Funeral rites for Willard Artis Cronan, 21-year-old Kings Mountain army veteran killed in an automobile accident Tuesday, were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Oak View Baptist church on the York road.

The pastor, Rev. C. E. Oxford, conducted the rites, assisted by Rev. Robert M. Hardin. Burial was made in the church cemetery. Prior to the service, the body lay in state at the church for a half-hour.

The fatal accident occurred in Charlotte about 5 o'clock in the morning. The car Cronan was driving went out of control, crashed into a tree and overturned. He was the lone occupant of the car and was almost instantly killed.

Cronan was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Artis Cronan. Sr. He had returned home this month from a tour of duty with the army in Germany and had received his honorable discharge last Friday. He was a former employee of Frieda Manufacturing Company and Burlington Mills' Phoenix plant.

Surviving are his parents and the following brothers and sisters, all of whom reside in Kings Mountain: Herbert Cronan, Woodrow Cronan, Eugene Cronan, Mrs. Charlie Sprouse, and Miss Betty Cronan.

GIVEN NOTICES

Floyd Thornburg, member of the city electrical department, and Warren Ellison, police officer, have been given notices by the city that their services will not be required after June 30, 1951.

JAYCEE MEETING

The regular Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held at Masonic hall dining room Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Barnes, White Still in Office

W. Faison Barnes, retiring judge of city recorder's court, informed Mayor Garland E. Still last Saturday that he would not be fired but would serve as judge until the expiration of his term on July 2.

Judge Barnes wrote the Mayor: "In accordance with our conversation yesterday relative to my purported dismissal by the City Board as Judge of the Kings Mountain Recorder's Court, I wish to advise that it is my considered opinion that the Board's action was without authority of law. I was appointed to this position by the former City Board under the authority of the Public Local Laws of North Carolina, Chapter 243, 1911, as amended by Chapter 174, 1943. This statute clearly establishes the term of office for a period of two years ending on the first Monday in July after each Municipal Election. No power of removal from office is vested in the City Board. Accordingly, I shall expect to exercise the duties of this office until the expiration of my term on July 2nd."

Solicitor Jack White is taking the same position as Judge Barnes. Both served in their official capacities on Monday.

Black Recognized At Special Program

SALISBURY—William Houston Black, Catawba College student from Kings Mountain, received special recognition during the annual Recognition Chapel exercises held this week in the Catawba College Auditorium. Recognition Chapel is an occasion set aside for the purpose of presenting various awards to students who have been outstanding in one or more fields.

Black received a basketball letter and was recognized for being in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Bloodmobile Returns Wednesday; Citizens Asked To Give 175 Pints

Kings Mountain area citizens are being asked to help alleviate the critical need for blood again next week, as the Red Cross Bloodmobile unit returns here on Wednesday.

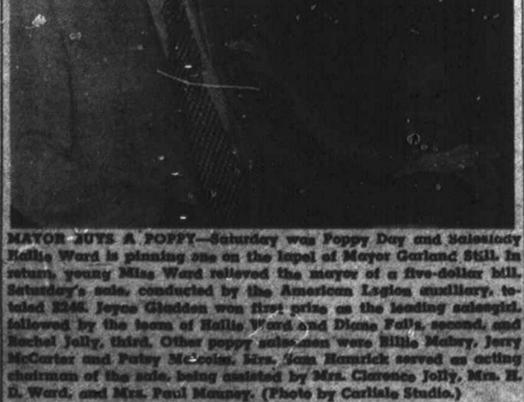
The Bloodmobile will operate from 10 a. m. in the morning until 4 p. m. in the afternoon, according to announcement by Mrs. Paul Mauney. The unit will set up at the Women's Club.

Expanded need for blood for the armed services, as a result of the fighting in Korea, plus additional heavy civilian needs have greatly depleted blood stocks, officials of the Charlotte area Blood Center report.

Kings Mountain citizens gave 71 pints of blood at the last visit of the Bloodmobile, against a quota of 175 pints.

"We still need 175 pints," Mrs. Mauney said. "This means about 300 to 325 potential donors are required. All persons are checked by physicians and nurses prior to acceptance as a donor."

A number of Kings Mountain Red Cross officials are to attend a meeting of the Charlotte Blood Center's regional coordinating committee in Charlotte on Tuesday. Work of the meeting will be future Bloodmobile scheduling.



MAYOR PUTS A POPPY—Saturday was Poppy Day and Salisbary... (Photo by Corliss Studio.)

High School Finals Program Announced

Commencement Exercises Set For 65 Seniors

Commencement exercises for 65 seniors begin Sunday evening at Kings Mountain high school.

Rev. T. L. Castwell, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church, will deliver the commencement sermon on Sunday evening, and on Monday evening Rev. Lee F. Tuttle, pastor of Charlotte's First Methodist church, will deliver the commencement address.

Both programs will be held at the high school auditorium and will begin at 8 o'clock.

On Sunday evening, Rev. W. L. Pressly will give the invocation, Rev. Vance Daniel will read the Scripture, and Rev. P. D. Patrick, president of the Ministerial Association, will present Mr. Castwell. Rev. W. F. Monroe will say the benediction. Special music will be rendered by the senior girls' ensemble and the mixed chorus.

On Monday evening, Rev. B. F. Austin will say the invocation and Rev. J. H. Brendall, Jr., will present Mr. Tuttle. Rowell Lane, high school principal, will present diplomas, and Arnold W. Kincaid, chairman of the city school board of trustees, will present awards and medals. Jack Bennett, president of the senior class, will present a gift from the graduating class to the school. The program will also include special music by Miss Barbara Ann Grantham and by the senior class mixed ensemble.

Other class officers are Rance Henderson, vice-president; Valerie Beatty, secretary; and Betty Cash and John Warlick, co-treasurers. The class mascots are Martha Beal and Tommy Dean.

The class motto is "We build our future", the class flower is pink dogwood, and the class colors are blue and white.

TO THE DIVISION

Pvt. Paul E. Wright, US 53100549, of Kings Mountain, was transferred last week from Fort Jackson. His new address is: Battery "C", 47th AAA AW Bn., 2nd Inf. Regt., 5th Inf. Div., Indiantown Gap Mil. Res. Pk.

TO THE DIVISION

He said the problem would be the assembly of a rifle battalion in an area prior to an attack. Other 3rd Bn., 120th Inf., companies to take part in the CPX are Morganton, Lincolnton, Gastonia and Shelby.

Horse Show Tickets Go On Sale; Entries For Event Now Arriving

Early entries for the June 13, Kiwanis Club Horse Show included familiar friends of Kings Mountain horse show patrons.

Dr. D. F. Hord, assistant entry chairman, said Thursday that horses owned by Lee Gettys, of Clover, S. C., were among the first entered in the local show. The Gettys' horses are shown by Miss Frances Gettys, a favorite at many former horse shows here.

Other entries have been received from E. F. McKinney, of Shelby; from H. Tom Fulton, of Kings Mountain and Flat Creek,

No Pre-Induction Order For June

The Cleveland County draft board has been notified that it will not receive an order to furnish registrants for pre-induction examinations in June, Mrs. Clara Newman, clerk to the board, said yesterday.

On June 12, the board will furnish five men for final induction into the army.

Mrs. Newman said the local board had no way to determine how many eligible registrants have taken, or are to take, the services aptitude tests for deferment. On the basis of Cleveland county eligibles securing application cards, she estimated that a large majority of the eligibles did make application for taking the tests.

Recreation Head Will Speak Here

Dr. Harold D. Meyer, chairman of the North Carolina recreation commission and University of North Carolina professor, will address members of the Kings Mountain Recreation Commission, members of the city board of commissioners and other special guests at a luncheon at the Kings Mountain Country Club Monday at noon.

Dr. Meyer will discuss city recreation programs and will make suggestions for formulating a city program.

Announcement of the luncheon was made by Mrs. Paul Mauney, chairman of the city commission.

Guard Company Set For Overnight CPX

The Kings Mountain National Guard company will take part in an overnight problem at Kings Mountain Battleground over the weekend.

Captain Humes Houston made the announcement.

He said the problem would be the assembly of a rifle battalion in an area prior to an attack. Other 3rd Bn., 120th Inf., companies to take part in the CPX are Morganton, Lincolnton, Gastonia and Shelby.

Huffstetler Named To All-Star Team

Jim Huffstetler, of Bessemer City, Kings Mountain American Legion junior baseball outfielder in 1949 and 1950, has been selected to a position on the North Carolina All-Star boys baseball team.

Huffstetler will compete against boys from South Carolina in the eighth annual Carolina All-Star game at Charlotte on June 12 at Griffith Park.

Earl Ruth, former recreation director here and currently baseball and basketball coach at Catawba College, is coach of the North Carolina team.

Huffstetler is to graduate Monday from Bessemer City high school, where he played four seasons of baseball. He has played five seasons of junior baseball.

The 17-year-old slugger bats left and throws right is an excellent base runner and fly-chaser.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huffstetler, of 412 E. Washington avenue, Bessemer City.